

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 3, 1999 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Red Menahan (D)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. These minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 406, 1/29/1999  
Executive Action: SB 136

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 136

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCANN moved that SB 136 Be Reconsidered.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that SB 136 BE CONCURRED  
IN. Motion carried 17-0.

*Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 30; Comments :  
Rep. Peck was absent for the vote, Rep. Vick left his proxy with  
Rep. Zook.}*

HEARING ON HB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Carol Williams, HD 69, presented HB 406. **EXHIBIT**(aph27a01)  
*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 123}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Nancy Keenan, State Superintendent of Schools  
*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 123 - 169}*

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association (MEA), Montana  
Federation of Teachers (MFT)  
*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 169 - 209}*

Don Judge, AFL-CIO  
*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 237}*

Verner Bertelsen, Montana Senior Citizens Association  
*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 237 - 256}*

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 256 - Tape 2; Side :  
A; Approx. Time Counter : 021}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (aph27aad)